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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/039,575 | STYTZ ET AL. | |
| | Examiner Ajay M Bhatia | Art Unit 2145 | |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 03 January 2002.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. The drawings filed on 03 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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1. Claims 1-20 are pending.
2. Claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record, singly or in combination filed to suggest either all the limitations or motivation a claimed in independent claims 1, 10, and 15 as follows:

"a sending host computer having means for filling said fields with values designating the size of said extension header, a message packet type, a maximum number (X) of false packets to be generated, a minimum number of hops that the false packets will traverse, a minimum and maximum and baseline false packet body size, a source address for the true packet, whether re-encryption is permitted a false packet generation probability, a decay rate for the false packet generation probability, a total number of re-encryptions performed , and a decryption key pointer value"

In which clearly support and define in figure 2 and corresponding detail see page 7 & 8, paragraph 31.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. US-20030112766 by Riedel et al.
2. US-20030110229 by Kulig et al.
3. US-20030018912 by Boyle et al.
4. US-20030014623 by Freed et al.
5. US-20020174362 by Ullmann et al.
6. US-20020166063 by Lachman et al.
7. US-20020161884 by Munger et al.
8. US-20020150099 by Pung et al.
9. US-20020111997 by Herlihy, Maurice
10. US-6,789,119 by Zhu et al.
11. US-6,567,914 by Just et al.
12. US-6,502,135 by Munger et al.
13. US-6,141,705 by Anand et al.
14. US-6,130,889 by Feldman et al.
15. US-6,038,219 by Mawhinney et al.
16. US-5,490,729 by Ishihara, Toyohisa
17. US-5,177,788 by Schanning et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajay M Bhatia whose telephone number is (571)-272-3906. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia M Wallace can be reached on (571)-272-6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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